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State Representative Stakoe
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RE: HOUSE BILL 4133

Dear Representative Stakoe:

Please accept this letter as one of interest and support of House Bill 4133. As you may know this Bill will remove the prohibition against the Service of Process on Sundays and Election Days. I have always been under the impression the law against Service of Process, at least on Sundays, was a "blue law", relaxed or not enforced to a point of concern.

A bit of research suggests the prohibition of Sunday Service of Process dates back to 1846 at a time when folks did not transact any business on Sunday out of respect for certain religious rites. The ban on election day was designed to permit unimpeded access to vote. Although I personally would like to see more days of rest, I realize business continues for most establishment seven days a week, regardless of those respecting religious practices. The Process of Service does not affect availability or access to the ballot box.

In Lenawee County I understand we have approximately 45,000.00 cases filed per year. These cases all require Service of Process. Precluding fifty-two days per year could adversely affect the workload to be accomplished within the six-day workweek. I think that even Process Servers should be able to arrange their schedules with as much flexibility and options available. Including Sundays would permit that flexibility.

Thank you for reading my thoughts on this issue. I appreciate any support you may give the matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: State Representative Spade